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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Hans Heinrich Heidtmann, et al.

Title: NUCLEIC ACID CONSTRUCT FOR
EXPRESSING ACTIVE
SUBSTANCES WHICH CAN BE
ACTIVIATED BY PROTEASES,
AND PREPARATION AND USE



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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed June 15, 2000, Applicants note that the claims of Group I were cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer, in a Preliminary Amendment filed with the instant application. Thus, the pending claims are claims 19-21, 23 and 25, which correspond to Groups II and III.

Applicants elect Group II. Applicants also request rejoinder of claim 19 upon allowance of the claims of Group II under the In re Ochiai Guidelines.


Applicants note that the appropriate sequence listing papers are submitted herewith.

Finally, applicants request formal consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements filed December 6, 1999 and December 21, 1999 and the Proprietary Information Disclosure Statement filed December 21, 1999.

Respectfully submitted,

Date July 14, 2000

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